



California State Data Center Consolidation and
Statewide Information Technology Realignment
Data Center Steering Committee's "Technology Advisory Peer Group"

Project Title	California State Data Center Consolidation and Statewide Information Technology Realignment
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Executive Sponsor	J. Clark Kelso, <i>State Chief Information Officer</i>
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Technology Advisory Peer Group	<p>The Executive Sponsor has convened a "Technology Advisory Peer Group" which shall consist of the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mike Nevens (Chair);▪ Dan Dixon;▪ John Thomas Flynn;▪ Mark Forman;▪ Bob Kaplan;▪ Steve Kolodney;▪ Alan Nunns;▪ Peter Solvik.
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Background	<p>California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's August 24, 2004 Executive Order S-13-04 to consolidate the Stephen P. Teale and Health and Human Services Agency data centers is a strategic first-step to literally transform the way information technology will be used throughout the Executive Branch. The Executive Order states, in part:</p> <p>A. Information technology infrastructure, which includes such things as mainframes, mid-frames, servers, personal computers and associated peripheral equipment, networks, and operating systems to support the foregoing, has been dispersed across many data centers and state agencies; and</p> <p>B. The Legislative Analyst's Office recommended in 2003, the consolidation of the Stephen P. Teale Data Center and the Health and Human Services Agency Data Center; and</p> <p>C. The State Chief Information Officer concurred in that recommendation and advocated a broader realignment of management responsibilities over the Executive Branch's information technology infrastructure and resources (see Re-alignment of Responsibility for the Management of the State's IT Resources and Infrastructure (May 14, 2003)); and</p>
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- D. The California Performance Review recommends that the Stephen P. Teale Data Center and the Health and Human Services Agency Data Center be merged into a newly-established "Department of Technology Services" with a much broader, customer-oriented mission than either of the existing data centers and that other information technology infrastructure be managed by the proposed Department of Technology Services; and
- E. Any delay in implementing consolidation and realignment will waste state funds and undermine the security, quality and risk management of our information systems.

Executive Order S-13-04 further states, in part:

1. The goal of data center consolidation and information technology realignment is to substantially improve the performance of the Executive Branch in managing its information technology infrastructure with particular focus on (1) receiving best value in the acquisition, management and operation of its information technology infrastructure and resources, (2) realizing with its information technology infrastructure the most appropriate levels of security, quality and risk management, and (3) ensuring that agency core competencies are reinforced and respected.
2. The Stephen P. Teale and Health and Human Services Agency Data Centers will consolidate their operations and activities to the maximum extent permitted by existing law. The Director of the Stephen P. Teale Data Center shall lead the planning for and implementation of the consolidation of the Stephen P. Teale Data Center and the Health and Human Services Agency Data Center, excluding the System Integration Division, so that the consolidated entity becomes a customer-focused, technology services organization with greater flexibility and capacity than either data center now possesses. The consolidated entity will serve the common information technology needs of Executive Branch entities with accountability to customers for providing secure services that are responsive to client needs at a cost representing best value to the state and consistent with the strategic objectives of the state's information technology program as determined by the State Chief Information Officer.
3. Management authority over information technology infrastructure in the Executive Branch shall be realigned consistent with the goal set forth in paragraph 1 to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. To the extent complete consolidation requires legislative enactment, such legislative proposals shall be a part of the plan. The Director of the Stephen P. Teale Data Center shall lead the planning for and implementation of the appropriate realignment of information technology infrastructure and resources between Executive Branch departments and the consolidated data centers.

In furtherance of the above, Objective 2 of Goal 6 of the California State Information Technology Strategic Plan (November 2004) recommends establishing a "Department of Technology Services." The strategic plan, which is intended to

	<p>guide the acquisition, management and use of technology within the Executive Branch of State government for the next five years (2005-2009), reflects the collective research and judgment of literally hundreds of the State's IT and program leaders over a two-year period. Objective 2 of Goal 6 is as follows:</p> <p>The State will establish a Department of Technology Services (DTS) to provide comprehensive technology services to the Executive Branch of State government including support for enterprise applications.</p> <p>The Department of Technology Services will serve the common technology needs of Executive Branch agencies and other public entities with accountability to customers for providing secure services that are responsive to client needs at a cost representing best value to the state.</p>
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Purpose	In support of the Executive Order S-13-04 and the California State Information Technology Strategic Plan, the Technology Advisory Peer Group will provide expert advice to the Data Center Steering Committee and to the Administration on the planning and progress of consolidation activities.
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Organization and Structure	<p>A. Mr. Mike Nevens has agreed to serve as Chair of the Technology Advisory Peer Group.</p> <p>B. The Group shall meet as often as it deems necessary, but not less than once each quarter, to review the Executive Branch's planning and progress in consolidating its technology infrastructure. The Chair may call special meetings of the Group as the Chair deems necessary.</p> <p>C. Membership of the Technology Advisory Peer Group will be determined by the Chair in consultation with the State CIO and the Secretaries of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Health and Human Services Agency and the State and Consumer Services Agency.</p>
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Authority and Accountability	A. The Technology Advisory Peer Group is an advisory body the purpose of which is to assist the Administration in planning and implementing consolidation of the Executive Branch's technology infrastructure. The direct recipients of the Group's advice may include the Data Center Steering Committee, the State CIO, and Cabinet Secretaries.
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General Duties	<p>A. The Executive Sponsor will ensure sustained executive support for the Technology Advisory Peer Group.</p> <p>B. The Group Chair will oversee the Group's activities to promote informed, open</p>
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	<p>and frank discussions about consolidation planning and implementation.</p> <p>C. The Group Chair will report orally on the Group's deliberations to the Data Center Steering Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings.</p> <p>D. The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency will provide the necessary staff support for the Group, including arranging meeting space and ensuring receipt by the Group of any necessary documents or information.</p>
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Charter Modifications	This charter is to remain in effect until modified and approved by the Executive Sponsor.
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Charter Approvals			
	J. Clark Kelso, State Chief Information Officer		Date
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